

# The Baptist Builder

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## AND NOW, WE PLEDGE IT

With the adoption last Sunday of our 1974 budget, we now move into the program of pledging the budget. Leading us in this year's effort are the following:

- General Chairman — Dr. Charles E. Clevenger
- Budget Planning Chairman — Barney B. Burks, Jr.
- Budget Pledging Chairman — Roger Vinson
- Budget Promotion Chairman — Frank Gibbs
- Office Help Chairman — Mrs. James Rountree
- Tally Chairman — Aubrey Gomillion



Seated — Dr. Charles E. Clevenger. Standing left to right — Barney B. Burks, Jr., Mrs. James Rountree, Frank Gibbs, Aubrey Gomillion.

# Pastor's Paragraphs

## "HALF MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET ADOPTED"

Last Sunday the church adopted the 1974 budget of \$500,000. This is the largest budget in the history of our church.

Actually, we'll need to go far beyond the half million dollar mark to pay for the school property.

God's plan for financing his work is tithing. This is the only plan we'll follow in the First Baptist Church of Pensacola.

Our tithes support the world-wide ministry of the church.



William H. Bodie penned these words some years ago. He describes the way I feel about the church and I'm sure you feel the very same way.

"Before I was born my church gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

In helpless infancy my church joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ.

My church enriched my childhood with the romance of religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths my church taught become radiant, insistent, and inescapable.

In the stress and storm of adolescence my church heard the surge of my soul and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love, my church taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections. She sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow and I thought the sun could never shine again, my church drew me to the Friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, my church has believed in me and willingly she has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself, and my church is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

My church calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it. I will help her to do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith."

I'm looking forward to seeing you in God's House Sunday.

Faithfully your pastor,

James L. Pleitz

## BUS MINISTRY REPORT

BUS NO.	CAPTAIN	ENROLLED	RIDERS	NEW RIDERS
1	Mr. & Mrs. L. Holt	32	34	2
2	M. Dickson	39	24	1
3	R. Trigg C. F. Wilson	38	20	0
4	W. Nell — R. Jackson	42	26	2
5	B. Pope	38	24	3
6	T. Lutrick	30	27	1
7	J. Schappaugh J. Anthony	57	39	1
8	Mr. & Mrs. T. Thornton	35	25	2
9	Billie Bell	22	15	0
10	Kent Murray		3	3
		333	237	15
Workers			47	
Total on Buses			284	

The honor bus is No. 7 with 39 riders. This bus crew has been doing an outstanding job the past several weeks averaging about 40 riders each week.

Give special notice to Bus No. 1 which had 2 more riders than they have enrolled.

Bus No. 10 was started this week from the University of West Florida. Last weekend was a long weekend for the students and many were out of town this first Sunday. Kent Murray is in charge of this bus.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN THE HOSPITALS:

#### Baptist

Mr. L. D. Allen, Mrs. Helen Cary, Mrs. James (Beverly) Parker, Mr. William H. Williams, Mrs. Joe (Bobbie) Tillman, Mrs. Erma K. Watts

#### Specialty Care

Mrs. William G. (Lucille) Van Pelt

#### Sacred Heart

Mr. D. H. Johnson

#### Sacred Heart Children's Hospital

Julie Minshew

### HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Richard Hinson, Mrs. R. L. (Lavada) DeForest, Mrs. Charles (Arla) Danforth, Mr. Clyde Hood, Miss Ruth Watkins, Mrs. Joe (Martha) Parker, Catherine Ann Pelt

### SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. John Hennigan, Mike and Mary, in the loss of their husband and Father.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Roberts on the arrival of a new baby daughter, born October 20th in Raleigh, North Carolina. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lon Roberts.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### A MATTER OF ETERNITY—by Dorothy

L. Sayers

This book contains selections from the writings of Dorothy L. Sayers, a thinking Christian who uses scholarly ideas in defense of her basically fundamentalist faith.

The selections concern such things as creation, time, history, reality, evil, sin, Purgatory, Heaven, and Hell. Other topics include the role of women in society and the value of work. There is also an entire chapter arguing for the improvement of the teaching curriculum in our schools.

The selections can be randomly sampled according to the reader's interests, or the book can be read in its entirety for insight into one Christian's philosophy.

Ralph C. Peterson

### FLOWERS AND SYMBOLS FOR THE

### CHRISTIAN YEAR—by Ruth E. Mullins

Although this book is primarily a guide to flower arrangements for religious purposes, it also contains a wealth of information on the symbolism of the flora and fauna of the Bible, design forms and shapes, crosses, and other religious objects.

Mothers who wish to endear the traditions of the church to youngsters, Bible students, church youth leaders, garden clubs, flower show exhibitors, and women's groups will all find this book helpful.

Ralph C. Peterson

## FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Florida Baptist Convention will be meeting in annual session, November 13-15. The Convention begins on Tuesday morning at 8:55 and closes at noon on Thursday. All of the sessions will be held at the First Baptist Church, Orlando. Any of our people who plan to attend these sessions of the Convention are asked to let Mr. Bizzell know.

## SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

### "HOW TO HANDLE GRIEF"

(Job 1:1, 13-20; 2:7-10; 3:1-3, 20-23;

29:2-6; 42:1-6, 10)

7:15 P.M.

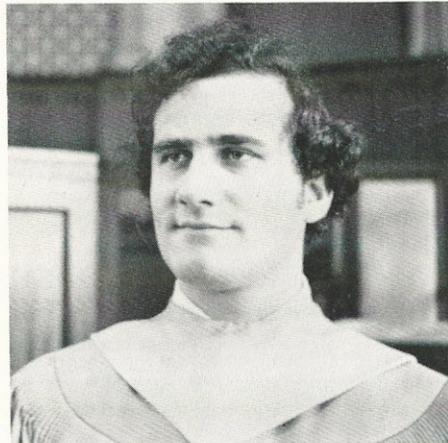
### "THE CONVERSION OF THE TAX COLLECTOR"

(Luke 5:27-32)

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP LAST WEEK



Mr. & Mrs. Dan Hornaday & Nancy



Mark Riddles



Julie Smith

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday, October 28: "Promise to Mary"  
Luke 1:26-38
- Monday, October 29: "Mary's Song"  
Luke 1:46-56
- Tuesday, October 30: "Revelation to Joseph"  
Matthew 1:18-25
- Wednesday, October 31: "Good Tidings"  
Luke 2:1-20
- Thursday, November 1: "Salvation Seen"  
Luke 2:21-33
- Friday, November 2: "Gifts of Worship"  
Matthew 2:1-14
- Saturday, November 3: "Because God  
Loved" 1 John 4:1-11



MENU

- October 31, 1973
- Sliced Baked Ham
- Baked Beans
- Cabbage, Apple and Raisin Salad
- Roll and Butter
- Frosted Cupcakes
- Tea                      Coffee

NEEDED

A couple of high chairs to help with feeding little ones on Wednesday nights. If you have one you would like to donate, please call the church office.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Wayne Dobelstein and are given by his family.

IN MEMORIAM

John A. Hennigan  
109 High Point Dr.  
Gulf Breeze, Fla.  
Joined our church by letter  
April 17, 1955  
Deceased October 21, 1973

**1 PLEDGE SUPPORTS IT ALL!**



LOCAL NEEDS



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All material to be included in the Builder  
should be in the office, preferably in  
writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

## LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study .....	1281
Main Sunday School .....	1263
Crippled Children's Home .....	18
The Church in Training .....	674
Christian Training Hour .....	212
Other Training Activities .....	462
Coming for Membership .....	8
Baptized .....	0
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget .....	\$7,023.57
Specials .....	658.61
Building Fund .....	—
<b>TOTAL OFFERING .....</b>	<b>\$7,682.18</b>

## EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS

### FOR OCTOBER 28

- A — Mrs. Gordon Mattoon
- B — Mrs. Gary Sperry
- C — Mrs. Franz Cornelius
- 1A — Mrs. Larry Woody
- 1B — Mrs. Mary Knight
- 2A — Mrs. Larry Foxworth
- 2B — Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stewart
- 3A — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds
- 3B — Miss Sylvia Hinton  
Miss Cheryl Horton
- 3C — Miss Barbara Ralowicz
- 4A — Mr. and Mrs. David Gilbert  
Mrs. Charles Crowder

## COMING FOR MEMBERSHIP

### BY LETTER:

- 4. Thomas L. Davis, Jr., Qtrs. 148B, NAS  
From: FBC, Morristown, Tn.
- 5. Debbie Goff, 712 Underwood, Apt. B201  
From: FBC, Punta Gorda, Fl.
- 6. Susan M. Graham, 600 Scenic Hwy.,  
No. 310 From: Broadmoor Bapt., Jack-  
son, Ms.
- 7. Dr. Jerry M. Owens, Rt. 2 Box 225  
From: College Ave. Bapt., Lubbock, Tx.
- 8. Charles E. Rogers, 6115 N. Davis Hwy.,  
Apt. 47A,  
From: FBC, Athens, Tn.
- 9. Mrs. Charles Rogers (Arlene)  
FOR BAPTISM  
FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION:
- 6. Mrs. Thomas L. Davis, Jr. (Brenda)  
ON PROFESSION OF FAITH:
- 7. Bradley Davis

## OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

### Sunday, October 28

- 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School  
New Member Class No. 1
- 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

### Monday, October 29

- 10:00 A.M.—Intercessory Prayer Group

### Tuesday, October 30

- 7:30 P.M.—Boy Scouts—"Cellar"

### Wednesday, October 31

- 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- 5:45 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- 6:15 P.M.—Prayer Service
- 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and  
Teachers Meeting, Mission  
Friends, GA's, Acteens, and  
RA's, Joy Group  
—Bible Study  
—Visitation
- 7:20 P.M.—Visitation  
—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 1

- 9:30 A.M.—Internationals Meeting
- 9:30-2:00 P.M.—Mothers Day Out
- 2:00 P.M.—Faithful Workers monthly  
Business and Social Meeting-  
with Mrs. C. M. Ross—1520  
N. 15th Ave.

## "A NEW LOOK"

Your Builder for the next four weeks will appear in this enlarged format. The Budget Promotion Committee of our 1974 Budget Promotion Campaign is combining its promotional efforts with our regularly published Builder. The next four issues will bring you news of our budget campaign and the many regular activities of our church. You will want to make a special effort to read each of these four issues.